

**In the Specification**

Applicants present replacement paragraph indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts.

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17 with the amended paragraph/line as follows:

**Problems to be solved by the Invention**

Accordingly, the object of the present invention is to impart a hydrophilic property to the polyamide fiber which constitutes the papermaking felt thereby preventing the deposition and accumulation of adhesive contaminants (particularly ~~hydrophilie~~ hydrophobic ones), and to sustain such antifouling capability for a long period of time with out impairing the compression recoverability of the papermaking felt and thereby maintaining the functions such as water drainage, wet-paper smoothness, and wet paper web transport capability throughout its entire service period.